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1. The 78 Soviet Antiaircraft Regiment which is stationed at Teleajenu, is entrusted with the defense of the Ploesti industrial area. The regiment is quartered in 36 one-story wooden buildings located in the eastern section of Teleajenu, north of the Ploesti-Corlatesti road. Also located in the regimental area are eight rows of sheds for the storing of guns and vehicles and three concrete garages. The entire area is surrounded by a barbed wire fence.
2. The 78 Soviet Antiaircraft Regiment is composed of approximately 80 officers and 1,000 enlisted men and is a part of the Sinaia antiaircraft division. The regiment is comprised of the following units:
 - a. One signal company
 - b. One company of engineers
 - c. One antiaircraft machine gun company equipped with nine 12.7 mm guns.
 - d. Two antiaircraft battalions. Each battalion has three batteries equipped with four cannons each.
3. The armament used by the antiaircraft battalions are 8.5 cm. automatic cannons with radar sights. They are fired automatically and have an effective range of 8,000 meters. The cyclic rate of fire is 25 rounds per minute. The guns rise automatically, follow the target automatically, and fire semi-automatically if a plane enters the target area. These guns are mounted on four-axled Zis trucks in such a manner as to permit a rotation of 360 degrees. The trucks have eight-wheel drive and are capable of cross-country travel. Caterpillar tracks can be mounted on each pair of wheels.

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